

Environmental Permits Division – Branch Descriptions

The Environmental Permits Division (EPD) of the Office of the Pollution Control within the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) is divided into ten individual permitting branches. These branches were organized by Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Codes as designated by the United States Census Bureau. The branches are Agricultural, Chemical Manufacturing, Construction and Building Materials, Energy and Transportation, General Permits, Metals and Metal Manufacturing, Municipal and Private Facilities, Service and Miscellaneous Industries, Solid Waste Management and Mining and Timber and Wood Products. This brochure provides a general description of each branch and provides EPD staff contact information.

Agricultural Branch



The Agricultural Branch is responsible for the review, issuance and maintenance of the authorizations/permits issued for businesses in the agricultural

industry. Businesses normally associated with this industry include, but are not limited to, animal growing operations, food processing operations, crop maintenance services, grain storage and processing operations and vegetable oil processing operations. Additional sources of information for this type of business include the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Mississippi Board of Animal Health and the Agricultural Aviation Board of Mississippi. You can contact the Agricultural Branch by calling **Brian Collins at 601-961-5239** or by e-mail at Bryan_Collins@deq.state.ms.us.

Chemical Manufacturing Branch



The Chemical Manufacturing Branch is responsible for the environmental permitting for all businesses related to the manufacture of chemicals, gases, rubber and rubber products, plastics and plastic products and fiberglass products.

Additionally, this branch serves as a contact point for hazardous waste permitting questions. You can contact the Chemical Manufacturing Branch by calling **Toby Cook at 601-961-5067** or by e-mail at Toby_Cook@deq.state.ms.us.

Construction and Building Materials Branch



The Construction and Building Materials Branch is responsible for processing all applications from construction or building materials businesses. These businesses include, but are not limited to, ready-mix concrete plants, hot mix asphalt plants, road construction projects and building construction. Guidance documents related to storm water management for both industrial and construction projects are available as well as a fact sheet for asphalt plants. You can contact the Construction and Building Materials Branch by calling **Tim Parrish at 601-961-5169** or by e-mail at Tim_Parrish@deq.state.ms.us.

Energy and Transportation Branch



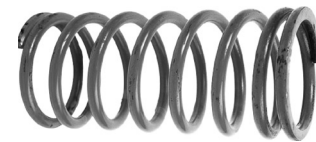
The Energy and Transportation Branch is responsible for the issuance of environmental permits for a variety of businesses. Businesses that are managed by this branch include, but are not limited to, electric power generation, natural gas transmission pumping stations, large federal facilities, refrigerated warehousing, railroads, and natural gas piping. You can contact the Energy and Transportation Branch by calling **Maya Rao at 601-961-5242** or by e-mail at Maya_Rao@deq.state.ms.us.

General Permits Branch

The General Permits Branch is responsible for the development, issuance and maintenance of the general permits associated with air and water issues. A general

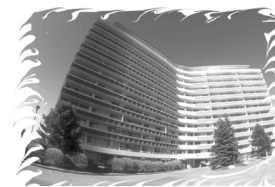
permit is not specifically designed for one business, but is designed for a collection of businesses that typically operate in the same manner and require the same environmental permit. A brochure discussing the various types of general permits currently available through the MDEQ is available upon request. You can contact the General Permits Branch by calling **Jim Morris at 601-961-5151** or by e-mail at Jim_Morris@deq.state.ms.us.

Metal and Metal Fabricators Branch



The Metal and Metal Fabricators Branch is responsible for the issuance of all types of environmental permits for businesses associated with metal working. These businesses include, but are not limited to, automotive manufacturing, metal door manufacturing, prefabricated metal buildings, valves and pipe fittings manufacture, commercial laundry equipment manufacture, and conveyors and conveying equipment. You can contact the Metal and Metal Fabricators Branch by calling **Marc Wyatt at 601-961-5367** or by e-mail at Marc_Wyatt@deq.state.ms.us.

Municipal and Private Facilities Branch



The Municipal and Private Facilities Branch is responsible for domestic wastewater permitting for municipalities, public agencies and private businesses. These private businesses include, but are not limited to, housing subdivisions, mobile home parks, restaurants, and schools. Guidance documents that are available include "Plans and Specifications: Submittal Requirements", "Design Guidelines for Wastewater Collection and Treatment Systems", "Feasibility Study

Guidelines” and “Requirements for Obtaining a Certified Operator.” You can contact the Municipal and Private Facilities Branch by calling **Rickey Terry at 601-961-5115** or by e-mail at Rickey_Terry@deq.state.ms.us.

Service and Miscellaneous Industries Branch

The Service and Miscellaneous Industries Branch is responsible for the issuance of environmental permits for many types of businesses. These businesses include, but are not limited to, automotive repair and maintenance businesses, scrap and salvage yards, textile and apparel manufacturing businesses, funeral service businesses and dry cleaning facilities. This branch also manages the permits for the clean-up of business property required by the Leaking Underground Storage Tank program. You can contact the Service and Miscellaneous Industries Branch by calling **Harry Wilson at 601-961-5190** or by e-mail at Harry_Wilson@deq.state.ms.us.



Solid Waste Management and Mining Branch



The Solid Waste Management and Mining Branch is responsible for the issuance of all environmental permits for waste management businesses including landfills, rubbish sites, transfer stations, composting operations, waste processing operations and land application of wastes. Additionally, this branch manages the storm water discharge permitting for all surface mining operations permitted by the Office of Geology. Guidance documents are available regarding the modification of a solid waste management plan, acceptable wastes for each type of business, and waste tire management, among others. You can contact the Solid Waste Management and Mining Branch by calling **Billy Warden at 601-961-5047** or by e-mail at Billy_Warden@deq.state.ms.us.

Timber and Wood Products Branch



The Timber and Wood Products Branch is responsible for the issuance of all environmental permits for various types of businesses. These businesses include, but are not limited to, pulp and paper mills, sawmills, plywood and particleboard plants, wood pallets, furniture plants, corrugated and solid fiber boxes and other miscellaneous paper products. EPA article 310-R-95-006, “Profile of the Lumber and Wood Products Industry” can be found in the technical guidance section of this web page. You can contact the Timber and Wood Products Branch by calling **Steve Spengler at 601-961-5070** or by e-mail at Steve_Spengler@deq.state.ms.us.

The information contained within this brochure is intended to be introductory in nature and allow businesses to become familiar with the basic permitting programs managed by the Environmental Permits Division. For general information regarding the permitting process please contact Teresa Dennington at 601-961-5702 or by e-mail at Teresa_Dennington@deq.state.ms.us or for more specific permitting assistance contact **Michelle Vinson at 601-961-5040** or by e-mail at Michelle_Vinson@deq.state.ms.us. You may also access much of the information related to the Branches within the EPD including the forms and documents necessary for the application process by visiting the MDEQ website at www.deq.state.ms.us.

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A Description of the Permitting Branches

MDEQ strives to preserve and protect Mississippi's air, land, and water through fair and responsible regulation.



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